

Dodge County Land Conservation
Committee Meeting Minutes
127 East Oak Street
Juneau, WI 53039
March 27, 2017

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC), Planning, Development & Parks Committee and the UW-Extension Education Committee of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 8:30 o'clock A.M., in the Third-Floor Conference Room, Room 3A (302), Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

Note: All Action Items related only to the Land Conservation Committee. The Planning, Development & Parks Committee listened, gathered information within the body's realm of authority, but did not take any formal action.

1. Call to Order: This meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Larry Bischoff, William Foley, Dale Macheel, Bill Muche and Dick Fink.

Missing: Allen Behl

2. Other Dodge County Board Members and Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: John Bohonek, Conservation Engineering Technician,
3. Bill Muche moved and Bill Folely seconded to permit the Chair to deviate from agenda to efficiently conduct meeting. Motion carried.
4. Approval of February 27, 2017 minutes: Motion by Richard Fink seconded by Bill Folely to approve the minutes of February 27, 2017.
5. Public appearances/comment: Kathy Radquest discussed the monitoring of an application of a herbicide in the Fox Lake area.
6. Agency Advisor Monthly Reports: Kathleen Turner is starting compliance checks and their EQIP applications will become contracts. They are starting to make CSP (conservation stewardship program) applications available. Nationally only 500,000 acres are available. They are looking to help recover

monarchs (which requires milk weed.)

7. Review of bills and revenue: John Bohonek reviewed bills and revenue as shown on the attached listing.
8. Report from Nonpoint Runoff Work Group Update: John briefly updated the group that the farmer led group had their first meeting a week ago with 12 producers and some crop consultants. They had three things to try regarding soil conservation regarding crops with trial plots this summer. They did not pick a date for another meeting.
9. Nutrient trading/Adaptive management – All municipalities have an agreement with DNR as to how to treat waste. They must get down to .02 milligrams per liter. They are looking to put grass buffers, barnyards and other adaptive management issues. They are putting a value on the reduction of phosphorous with the idea that there would be so much per pound. This could be implemented by the municipalities providing money to the county. The new agreement must be written by the end of this year. Kathleen Turner noted that you can't get good cooperation by regulation. City of Oconomowoc is doing this conservation adaptive management process. They identified the watershed and aimed to get the phosphorous level down. They are working so that they can all work together. This program mimics the CRP program to put practices on the ground. Looking for 5 year and 10 years. MMSD (Milk. County Sewer District) is using easements. The second option is phosphorous trading. Most of the municipalities must decide when their contract for the discharge permit at some point this year.
10. Discuss Farmland Preservation Program: FPP Participation Levels; FPP Tracking System – They send out the annual certification letter to the farmers with a service fee of \$25 and a late fee of \$50. 590 certificates issued which is 105,000 acres of cropland and 300,000 in the county. Dick moved to keep the payments the same and Lisa seconded. Motion passed.

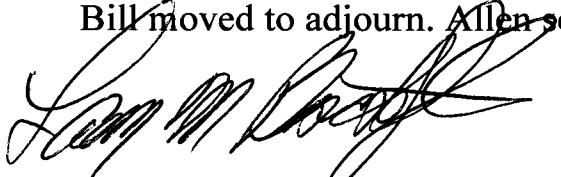
They are looking at what to see on the ACCESS screen and have met with county's IT program. They are looking at GCS to interface to get the parcel number information. John would like to take the system and have it for any land owner into this system. For example, they do nutrient management plans for people not in the system. Transcendent software must be in CRP program. When you rezone from A-1 to A-2 and there is an existing contract, they have to pay a penalty. They are getting away from contracts toward agreements. There are 37 ag enterprise agreements now in Dodge County.

11. Future Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Issues – There are 34 contracts expiring and met with owners for new options.
12. Reports from Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Annual Conference at Elkhardt Lake – March 15-17, 2017. There are webinars available at the Wisconsin land and water conference.
<http://wisconsinlandwater.org/event/annual-conference>
13. County Conservationist Monthly Report: Significant Work Activities and Issues including but not limited to signing CRP and CREP plan revisions, signing Certificates of Compliance, finish the annual work plan to DATCP, prepping for 5-year review of land and water plan in August, attended the WLWCA conference, met with survey and highway department to discuss implementing a GIS layer for culverts on town, county and state roads including GPS location, size, condition and condition of the upstream and downstream. They are looking at how to put it together. He reviewed STEPL (software) and they will review with DNR running STEPL for a small watershed and they wrapped up tree sales of about 19,000 trees. They will distribute on or about April 18.
14. Committee Member Reports -
 - a. Dale Macheel reported on Fox Lake regarding two meetings on March 9 and March 22. Fox Lake is doing a well-testing program but they must wait until June 17, 2018 which will be strictly voluntary. They discussed herbicide as well as updating sewer system. They use ice-pigging using ice-slush to clear out sewer lines. (If it doesn't work, the ice just melts instead of a foam "pig" getting lost.)
 - b. Bill Muche reported on Lake Sinnissippi District. Bill said he didn't have anything to report.
 - c. Bill Folely reported that the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement. UW group start the first field survey in March which took a day. They also took water survey in Beaver Creek. When they have more data, he will provide a video presentation to this committee. Dodge County Lakes group is meeting in Lake Sinnissippi at Library on April 13. Wisconsin Lakes conference is held in Stevens Point on April 5 – 7 which Bill will attend.
15. Correspondence - None.


16. Per Diem – Derr moved and Bill Muche seconded to approved the per diems.
Motion passed.

17. Next Meeting Date. The committee agreed to continue with the fourth Monday of the month which is April 24, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Dick will not be able to attend.

18. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before this committee, Bill moved to adjourn. Allen seconded. Motion carried.



Larry Bischoff, Chair



Lisa Derr, Secretary

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

BILLS

Southern Area Association dues	\$125.00
WLWCA conference registration	\$825.00
Wildlife Damage Abatement 4th qtr 2016	\$312.50
Jon Duckert registration fee	\$10.00

TOTAL	\$1,272.50
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REVENUE

Small Packet Tree Orders	\$125.00
Wildlife Damage Abatement	\$10,215.24

TOTAL	\$10,340.24
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